

We understand that allegation 4 was witnessed by Matthew Hanney of Mr Clegg's office, who requested permission to inform Mr Clegg, and then did so. and that a complaint about allegation 3 was lodged with Paul Burstow, then chief whip.

We understand that Jo Swinson MP was asked by Mr Clegg to conduct an investigation into various incidents and that Danny Alexander MP, Mr Clegg's Chief of Staff, was also involved. We understand that no further action was taken.

Please confirm that Mr Clegg was made aware of these incidents and explain: what, if any, action he personally took to ensure they were properly investigated; why apparently no action was taken against Lord Rennard; and why it was considered appropriate for Lord Rennard to hold a role in the current Lib Dem election campaign.

Please could we receive your answers by 5pm today so that they can be given due weight in our inquiries and properly reflected in any article we decide to publish.

Please could you also inform us if you do not wish to comment.

I look forward to hearing from you shortly. I can be contacted on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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